

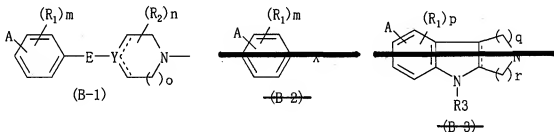
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

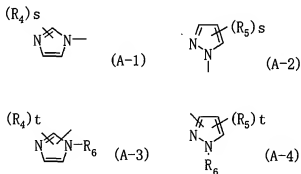
Claim 1 (**Currently Amended**): A compound represented by the formula (1):

B-D-Z (1)

[wherein B represents the following formula (B-1), (B-2) or (B-3); (B-1):



A represents an imidazolyl or pyrazolyl group represented by the following formula (A-1), (A-2), (A-3) or (A-4), or may represent a hydrogen atom or R4 when B is (B-3); (A-4):



(wherein R_4 and R_5 each independently represents a C_{1-6} alkyl group which may be substituted with G_1 , a C_{1-6} alkoxy group which may be substituted with G_1 , a C_{1-6} alkylsulfonyl group which may be substituted with G_1 , or a halogen atom; R_6 represents a hydrogen atom, a C_{1-6} alkyl group which may be substituted with G_1 , a C_{1-6} alkylcarbonyl group which may be substituted with G_1 , or a benzoyl group which may be substituted with G_1 , or a tetrahydropyranyl group;

G_1 represents a cyano group, a formyl group, a hydroxyl group, a C_{1-6} alkoxy group, an amino group, a monomethylamino group, a dimethylamino group or a halogen atom,
 s represents 0 or an integer of 1 to 3,
 t represents 0 or an integer of 1 or 2, and

$R_4(s)$ or $R_5(s)$ may be the same or different when s or t is 2 or more);

R_1 represents a halogen atom, a nitro group, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, a C_{1-6} alkyl group which may be substituted with G_2 , a C_{1-6} alkoxy group which may be substituted with G_2 , a C_{1-6} alkylthio group which may be substituted with G_2 , a C_{1-6} alkylcarbonyl group which may be substituted with G_2 , an amino group (which may be substituted with one or two C_{1-6} alkyl groups), a benzoyl group which may be substituted with G_2 , or a benzyl group which may be substituted with G_2 ;

R_2 represents a C_{1-6} alkyl group which may be substituted with G_2 ;

~~R_3 represents a hydrogen atom, a C_{1-6} alkyl group which may be substituted with G_2 , a C_{1-6} alkylcarbonyl group which may be substituted with G_2 , a benzoyl group which may be substituted with G_2 , or a benzyl group which may be substituted with G_2 ;~~

G_2 represents a cyano group, a formyl group, a hydroxyl group, a C_{1-6} alkoxy group, a C_{1-6} alkoxycarbonyl group, a nitro group, an amino group, a monomethylamino group, a dimethylamino group or a halogen atom;

m represents 0 or an integer of 1 to 4, and $R_1(s)$ may be the same or different when m is 2 or more;

n represents 0 or an integer of 1 to ~~40~~8, and $R_2(s)$ may be the same or different when n is 2 or more;

D represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom or the formula (1a);

X represents an oxygen atom, the formula: SO_u (wherein u represents 0 or an integer of 1 or 2) or the formula: N-R₉ (wherein R₉ represents a hydrogen atom, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group which may be substituted with G₂, or a benzyl group which may be substituted with G₂);

Z represents a chroman-2-yl group which is substituted with G₃, a chroman-4-yl group which is substituted with G₃, a 2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-2-yl group which is substituted with G₃, or a 2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-3-yl group which is substituted with G₃, a thiochroman-2-yl group which is substituted with G₃, a 2,3-dihydrobenzothiophene-2-yl group which is substituted with G₃, a thiochroman-4-yl group which is substituted with G₃, a 2,3-dihydrobenzothiophene-3-yl group which is substituted with G₃, or a 1,3-benzoxathiol-2-yl group which is substituted with G₃;

G₃ represents the formula: NHR₁₀

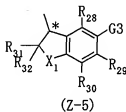
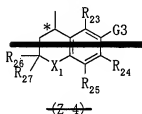
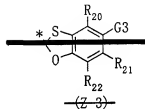
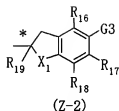
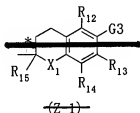
{wherein R₁₀ represents a hydrogen atom, a C₁₋₆ alkylcarbonyl group, or a benzoyl group (which may be substituted with a nitro group, a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, or a C₁₋₆ alkyl group)};

or the formula: OR₁₁

{wherein R₁₁ represents a hydrogen atom, a C₁₋₆ alkylcarbonyl group, or a benzoyl group (which may be substituted with a hydroxyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a halogen atom, or a C₁₋₆ alkyl group)}]

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The compound according to claim 1, wherein Z represents a group represented by the following formula (Z-1), (Z-2), (Z-3), (Z-4)(Z-2) or (Z-5):



[wherein * represents an asymmetric carbon atom; X₁ represents an oxygen atom or a sulfur atom; R₁₂ to R₁₉, R₁₆ to R₁₉ and R₂₈ to R₃₂ each independently represents a hydrogen atom or a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, and

G3 is as defined above] represents the formula: NHR₁₀

{wherein R₁₀ represents a hydrogen atom, a C₁₋₆ alkylcarbonyl group, or a benzoyl group (which may be substituted with a nitro group, a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, or a C₁₋₆ alkyl group)};

or the formula: OR₁₁

{wherein R₁₁ represents a hydrogen atom, a C₁₋₆ alkylcarbonyl group, or a benzoyl group (which may be substituted with a hydroxyl group, a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group, a halogen atom, or a C₁₋₆ alkyl group)}]}

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 3 (**Original**): An antioxidant comprising, as the active ingredient, one or more compounds or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof according to claim 1 or 2.

Claim 4 (**Currently Amended**): A therapeutic ~~agent~~method for kidney diseases, wherein the method comprises using a therapeutic agent comprising the antioxidant according to claim 3.

Claims 5 (**Currently Amended**): A therapeutic ~~agent~~method for cerebrovascular diseases, wherein the method comprises using a therapeutic agent comprising the antioxidant according to claim 3.

Claim 6 (**Current Amended**): A therapeutic ~~agent~~method for circulatory diseases, wherein the method comprises using a therapeutic agent comprising the antioxidant according to claim 3.

Claim 7 (**Currently Amended**): A therapeutic ~~agent~~method for cerebral infarction, wherein the method comprises using a therapeutic agent comprising the antioxidant according to claim 3.

Claim 8 (**Currently Amended**): A therapeutic ~~agent~~method for retinal oxidative damage, wherein the method comprises using a therapeutic agent comprising the antioxidant according to claim 3.

Claim 9 (**Currently Amended**): A therapeutic ~~agent~~method according to claim 8, wherein the retinal oxidative damage is age-related macular degeneration or diabetic retinopathy.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A method for inhibiting production of lipoxxygenase, wherein the method comprises using a lipoxxygenase inhibitor comprising the antioxidant according to claim 3.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A method for inhibiting production of a 20-hydroxyeicosatetraenoic acid (20-HETE) synthase, wherein the method comprises using 20-hydroxyeicosatetraenoic acid (20-HETE) synthase inhibitor comprising the antioxidant according to claim 3.